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according to claim 1, wherein the user information
database contains a schedule field to which the user
can set up the user's own schedule information and the
public information is set up corresponding to each
5 schedule.

4. The position information acquiring system
according to claim 1, wherein the user information
database contains an information release area set up
field to which the user can set up user's own position
10 information and the public information is set up
corresponding to each release area.

5. A position information acquiring system to
allow a user to acquire position information of a
communication terminal by accessing a private network
via a public network, wherein the private network
15 comprises;

a user information server provided with a user
information database containing a user-by-user search
area condition set up field to which the user can set
20 up an area to search the position of the communicating
terminal and a field to which information is set up to
indicate whether or not to acquire the position
information corresponding to each search area, and
configured to search the user information database to
25 check the availability to acquire the position
information when the user requests to acquire the
position information of the communication terminal, and

5 7. A position information acquiring method to
allow a user to acquire position information of a
communication terminal by accessing a private network
via a public network comprises,

a step of acquiring the position information of each communication terminal via the terminal position information management server to send it to the user information server when receiving a notice from the user information server that the position information is acquirable.

8. The position information acquiring method according to claim 7, wherein the user information database contains a group field to which information to group the communicating parties listed in the user information database is set up, and the public information is set up corresponding to each group.

9. The position information acquiring method according to claim 7, wherein the user information database contains a schedule field to which each user is set up the user's own schedule information, and the public information is set up corresponding to each schedule.

10. The position information acquiring method according to claim 7, wherein the user information database contains a release area set up field to which each user set up the release area for releasing the user's own position information, and the public information is set up corresponding to each release area.

11. A position information acquiring method to allow a user to acquire position information of a communication terminal by accessing a private network via a public network comprises,

a step of searching by a user information server a user information database, which contains an user-by-user search area condition set up field, to which each user can set up an area for searching the position of a communicating terminal when the user requests to acquire the position information of the communication terminal and a field to which public information indicating whether or not to acquire the position information corresponding to each search area is set up, and checking the availability to acquire the

